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MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE  
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

THE LECTURE COMMITTEE

October 13, 1954

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
2430 E Street, N.W.,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

1- The Lecture Committee of Mount Holyoke College, a joint student-faculty group, has been working for some time on ideas for a major Symposium the weekend of December 3-4, in which students from the many neighboring colleges would be invited to participate. After much consideration the group has agreed that the most important topic for student discussion at the moment involves the question of "Freedom vs Security in the Current phase of the Cold War".

2- The whole Committee of fourteen was unanimous in hoping that you might be persuaded to give the opening speech, indicating your judgment on the "Problems of Cold War Security" which the United States now faces. From the enclosed tentative outline you can see how we are planning to develop the rest of the program. Although we still are not satisfied with the exact wording of the titles, we trust that they are sufficiently descriptive to use until the details of the symposium are worked out with the speakers.

3- We very much hope that, in spite of the pressures of your position, you will be willing to come to South Hadley on Friday evening, December 3, 1954, to speak at 8 PM in Chapin Auditorium. There are a couple of afternoon planes from Washington to Hartford-Springfield airport, where we would be glad to meet you. It would give us great pleasure if you could be the guest of the College over night and participate in the Saturday sessions. The Committee is in a position to offer a modest honorarium of \$150 and hospitality while you are here.

4- Although the Committee would like you to open the Symposium on the Friday evening you might prefer to come on Saturday. If such is the case please let us know and we will gladly try to re-arrange the program.

We hope that you might like to visit New England to keynote an important inter-collegiate session and to discover what is on the minds of college students from whom you draw so heavily for recruits in your organization. We can promise you a stimulating audience and a lively forum period after your speech.

Sincerely yours,



Everett D. Hawkins,  
Chairman

FREEDOM VS SECURITY IN THE  
CURRENT PHASE OF THE COLD WAR

December 3-4, 1954  
Mount Holyoke College,  
South Hadley, Mass.

Intercollegiate Symposium open to the whole  
Mount Holyoke community, invited guests from  
neighboring colleges, and the general public

TENTATIVE PROGRAM AND INVITED SPEAKERS

1. Friday evening "Problems of Cold War Security"  
Allen Dulles
2. Saturday morning "Recent Counter Measures against Communism"  
Professor Robert E. Cushman
3. Saturday afternoon "Implications of these Measures for Civil Liberties"  
Judge Harold R. Medina
4. Saturday Student Discussion Groups  
William Averitt, Chairman
5. Saturday evening "How Should America Respond to the Requirements  
of Security?"  
(What have we learned from the McCarthy Episode?)  
  
Panel: Speakers at previous sessions  
Edward R. Murrow  
William Averitt, Chairman

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